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1. THE HISTORIC SETTING OF KRAKOW MERGED WITH FUTURISTIC VISION OF SPACE EXPLORATION AT THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION TODAY OF AN AMERICAN CONSULATE IN THIS SOUTHERN POLISH CITY OF POLAND. THE NEW CONSULATE, ITS STRIKING CONTEMPORARY INTERIOR LOCATED BEHIND A 16TH CENTURY FACADE IN KRAKOW'S OLD TOWN, WAS FORMALLY INAUGURATED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN A. ARMITAGE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO POLAND R.T. DAVIES AND OTHER POLISH AND AMERICAN DIGNITARIES.

2. THE 120 INVITED GUESTS, INCLUDING POLISH VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROMUALD SPASOWSKI, ALSO TOURED THE "KOSMOS W SZTUCE" EXHIBITION AND VIEWED THE SLIDE PRESENTATION "AMERICANS IN SPACE". THE COLLECTION OF 54 PAINTINGS DEPICTING ARTISTS' PERCEPTION OF THE AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAM WILL BE EXHIBITED DAILY AT THE CONSULATE UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. BEFORE THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY UNDER A WARM
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MID-DAY SUN IN THE CONSULATE COURTYARD, MR. ARMITAGE

TOLD THE ASSEMBLED GUESTS THAT THE NEW CONSULATE WAS "A TRIBUTE TO THE CONTEMPORARY DYNAMISM IN POLISH AMERICAN RELATIONS". HE DECLARED THAT IT WAS "AN AFFIRMATION OF THE CHANGIN POLITICAL CLIMATE" IN WHICH "CONFLICT BETWEEN DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS IS BEING REPLACED BY COOPERATION IN MANY FIELDS". THE OFFICIAL U.S.-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONSULATE DEDICATION CEREMONY STRESSED THAT "THE FUTURE COURSE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD WILL DEPEND ON BROADENING THESE NEW RELATIONSHIPS OF COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING, AND RESPECT AMONG ALL NATIONS".

4. AMONG THE POLISH GUESTS WERE WOJEWODA WIT DRAPICH AND KRAKOW VICE-PRESIDENT JAN SKIBA. IN HIS REMARKS, MR. DRAPICH SAID "THE OPENING OF THE CONSULATE WAS A GREAT EVENT" FOR THE CITY OF KRAKOW (OTWARCIE KONSULATU JEST DUZYM WYDARZENIEM). THE WOJEWODA ADDED "WE WILL BE VERY PLEASED IF WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE THAT THIS DIPLOMATIC POST, MR. DRAPICH AFFIRMED "WILL SERVE THE IDEALS FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE WELFARE OF BOTH PEOPLES". (BEDZIEMY BARDZO ZADOWOLENI JESLI BEDZIEMY MOGLI PRZYCZYNIC SIE DO ROZWOJU STOSUNKOW KULTRALNYCH I NAUKOWYCH Z USA ZYCZE BY TA PLACOWKA SLUZYL IDEALOM DLA KTORYCH ZOSTALA POWOLANA DLA DOBRA OBU NARODOW).

5. DURING THE MORNING, MR. ARMITAGE, AMBASSADOR DAVIES, AND USIA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JOHN W. SHIRLEY VISITED THE AMERICAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN KRAKOW AND CALLED ON CITY VICE-PRESIDENT SKIBA. LATER, MR. DRAPICH HOSTED A LUNCHEON AT THE WIERZYNEK RESTAURANT IN HONOR OF THE VISITING AMERICAN DIGNITARIES.
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